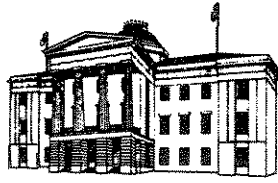


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 141 PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF DISASTER FOR BERTIE AND ONSLOW COUNTIES

WHEREAS, I have determined that a State of Disaster, as defined in N.C.G.S. §§166A-6, exists in the State of North Carolina, specifically Bertie and Onslow counties, as a result of tornadoes and severe weather on May 8-11, 2008;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2008, Bertie and Onslow counties proclaimed a local State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §166A-6, the criteria of a Type I disaster are met including the following: (1) receipt of the preliminary damage assessment from the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety; (2) Bertie and Onslow counties declared a local state of emergency pursuant to N.C.G.S §§166A-8 and forwarded a written copy of the declaration to the Governor; (3) the preliminary damage assessment meets or exceeds the criteria established for the Small Business Disaster Loan Program pursuant to 13 C.F.R. Part 123; and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**